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SUBJECT: FY '75 INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM

REF: COPENHAGEN 2304, AUGUST 22, 1974; STATE 188006,  
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1. FY '75 I.V. GRANTEE MAX BAEHRING, SECRETARY FOR METAL TRADES SECTOR OF DANISH TRADE UNION FEDERATION, UNABLE TRAVEL THIS SPRING BECAUSE OF HEAVY COMMITMENTS. HIS ALTERNATE, MAGNUS DEMSITZ, SAFETY AFFAIRS ADVISOR, DANISH SPECIAL WORKERS UNION, PREPARED TRAVEL APRIL 20-MAY 20. HOWEVER, DEMSITZ WILL ONLY GO IF INTERPRETER PROVIDED THROUGHOUT TRIP SINCE HIS ENGLISH KNOWLEDGE LIMITED.

2. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS IN VIEW OF DEMSITZ'S ABILITIES AND REPUTATION AS SAFETY EXPERT THAT INTERPRETER BE MADE AVAILABLE AND FEELS THAT HIS VISIT COULD HAVE SUBSTANTIAL IMPACT ON DANISH TRADE UNION MOVEMENT AS DEMSITZ IS PROLIFIC AND POPULAR WRITER.

3. NOMINEE'S INTERESTS INV SITING THE U.S. ARE TO ACQUAINT HIMSELF WITH THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT OF 1970 AND ITS MOST RECENT APPLICATION. HE IS AN EXPERT IN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY MATTERS IN DENMARK'S LARGEST UNION WITH A WIDE KNOWLEDGE OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY LEGISLATION IN OTHER COUNTRIES. HE HAS VISITED RECENTLY THE SOVIET UNION WHERE HE

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WAS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH SOME ASPECTS OF THE

SOVIET "LABOR ORGANIZATIONS" ROLE IN WORKER SAFETY.

4. (COMMENT: HIS SERIES OF FAVORABLE ARTICLES ON SOVIET PRACTICE RECEIVED NATION-WIDE ATTENTION IN DENMARK. IT IS THE EMBASSY'S HOPE THAT CLOSER ACQUAINTANCE WITH THE U.S. ACT AND ITS APPLICATION WILL RESULT IN SIMILAR OFF-SETTING PUBLICITY FAVORABLE TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE EFFORTS OF U.S. TRADE UNIONS AND MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE SAFE WORK ENVIRONMENT).

5. IT IS HOPED THAT A PROGRAM FOR DEMSITZ CAN BE DRAWN UP IN COOPERATION WITH THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION WITHIN THE BUREAU OF LABOR. NOMINEE PARTICULARLY WISHES TO STUDY THE PERMISSIBLE LEVELS OF NOISE, DUST, AND NOXIOUS GASES IN FACTORIES. HE IS ALSO CONCERNED WITH THE PRINCIPLES ON WHICH THESE NORMS ARE SET. IN THIS CONNECTION HE WOULD WISH TO VISIT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH AND VARIOUS ENGINEERING AND SAFETY LABORATORIES IN THE MORE IMPORTANT UNIVERSITIES WHERE RESEARCH ON THESE ISSUES IS BEING CONDUCTED.

6. FINALLY HE IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN THE IMPACT OF THE MORE HIGHLY-COMPUTERIZED TECHNOLOGICAL PROCESSES ON THE WORK PLACE ENVIRONMENT. HE NOTES THAT THE UNITED STATES IS PERHAPS THE MOST TECHNOLOGICALLY DEVELOPED COUNTRY IN THE WORLD AND WISHES TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER THIS HIGHER LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT LEADS TO MORE PLEASANT AND AMENABLE WORKING CONDITIONS.

7. AMONG INSTITUTIONS AND UNIVERSITIES DEMSITZ WISHES TO VISIT ARE: BUREAU OF LABOR STANDARDS, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, WASHINGTON; OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH INSTITUTE, NEW YORK; SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ADMINISTRATIVE MEDICINE, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK; INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE FOUNDATION OF AMERICA INC., MELLON INSTITUTE, PITTSBURGH; OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH FIELD HEADQUARTERS, U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE, CINCINNATI; NATIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SAFETY COUNCIL, CHICAGO; AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION, DETROIT; SARRANAC LABORATORY, SARRANAC LAKE.

8. PLANTS HE WISHES TO SEE INCLUDE FOUNDRIES, PLANTS MANUFACTURING PREFABRICATED HOUSING ELEMENTS, PLASTIC AND CHEMICAL PLANTS (VINYL CHLORIDE), CEMENT PROCESSING, ASBESTOS MINES, MANUFACTURE OF

POCKET BATTERIES, ASSEMBLY PLANTS FOR TV AND RADIO  
SETS, SHIPYARDS, WOODWORKING PLANTS, AND CLOTHING  
MANUFACTURING PLANTS.

8. DEMSITZ, DANISH CITIZEN BORN JANUARY 13, 1934  
IN COPENHAGEN, MARRIED AND HAS THREE CHILDREN AGED  
20, 15, AND 10. HOME ADDRESS: KNOLDAGER 14,  
2670 GREVE STRAND.

9. EARLY APPROVAL OF DEMSITZ NOMINATION APPRECIATED.  
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